



CHECK IT OUT!

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES
JANUARY 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR, MONTAGUE!

The turn of the new year is a time for reflection. Short days gift us the opportunity to look back on where we've been and how far we've come as individuals but also as a community. If we're lucky, hindsight and contemplation come together and generate clarity for how we'd like to move forward and what that might look like.

Building on the success of *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* in 2023, our partners at the Great Falls Discovery Center, RiverCulture, and the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, will join the libraries in exploring the cultural, industrial, and agricultural histories and futures of Franklin County with a new series of programs and exhibits, titled *Food, Farms, and Factories*. We'll kick off the series in January with a Sunday matinee documentary series, featuring the films *A Long Row in Fertile Ground*, *The Genesis of the Turners Falls Community*, and *The Franklin County Fair*. More details are available at greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org.

If you prefer to do your learning outdoors, join us on Saturday, January 20th at the Montague Center Library for an ecology walk that will illuminate the history of human habitation and innovation along the Sawmill River as well as the flora and fauna that make their homes there.

In addition to their weekly LEGO Club, Saturday Story Time, and Playgroup programs, the libraries' children's department will host a very exciting Bluey party at the Discovery Center on January 13th. At The Millers Branch, patrons can enjoy a yummy drink at our regular hot chocolate social and at Montague Center, local author, Bruce Watson, will give a talk on the History of Light.

Finally, many, many thanks to everyone who donated hats, coats, and mittens to the libraries' winter clothing drive. We ended up with several boxes of donations, which went directly to neighbors in need.

All the best!
Caitlin

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Carnegie Public Library

413-863-3214

201 Avenue A, Turners Falls

Monday - Wednesday

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday - Saturday

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Millers Falls Library

413-659-3801

23 Bridge St.

Tuesday & Thursday

2:00-7:00

Montague Center Library

413-367-2852

17 Center St.

Monday & Wednesday

2:00 - 7:00

Friday 10:00-1:00

Website:

montaguepubliclibraries.org



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The Montague Libraries will be closed on Monday, January 1st for New Years and Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MPL PROGRAMS

 FOR FAMILIES

 FOR ADULTS

 FOR EVERYONE!

GRAB & GO BAGS

Craft: Popsicle Stick Sled

Science: Waterproof Boot

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 PM

Build with library LEGOS at the **Carnegie Library**.

PLAYGROUP

Thursdays 10:00 AM

A morning of free and guided play at the **Carnegie Library** each week.

STORY TIME

Saturdays 10:00 AM

Join us for stories, crafts, rhymes and songs at the **Carnegie Library**.



GREAT STORIES CLUB

1st & 3rd Thursdays 3:00-4:30

Brick House. Designed for TEENS.

This isn't your traditional book club. Teens can pick up free copies of all 4 of the Sci-Fi books and find out how the GSC works. There's an artistic element at every meeting. On the 3rd Thursdays, local artist Caroline Wampole offers an art activity.

The GSC is made possible by a grant from the American Library Association.

BOOK SALE

Saturday, January 6, 10:00AM-1:00 PM

Used Book Sale. Fiction, paperbacks, kids' books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks. Hundreds of recent donations. Holiday special: 1 free book for every book sale visitor.

Carnegie Library

FRIENDS MEETING

Monday, January 8, 5:30-6:30 PM

Current and future Friends, join us for the monthly meeting. Every 2nd Monday.

Carnegie Library

HOT CHOCOLATE SOCIAL

Thursday, January 11, 3:00-4:00 PM

Join Abbey every second Thursday. Come for the hot chocolate....come for the crafts...or just come say hello! **Millers Falls Branch**

“LET’S PLAY LIBRARY” BLUEY PARTY

Saturday, January 13, 11AM to 1PM

Join us at the **Great Falls Discovery Center** for crafts and activities related to the popular character, Bluey! This drop-in style event is sponsored by the Montague Public Libraries and hosted by the Great Falls Discovery Center.

MONTAGUE CENTER LIBRARY

AUTHOR SERIES

Wednesday, January 17, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Lee Wicks will read from a work in progress, a memoir to be called a five dog marriage which is about aging, long marriage and dog love. Refreshments provided.

Montague Center Branch

WINTER ECOLOGY WALK

Saturday, January 20, 1:00-2:00PM

Meet outside of the Montague Center Library

Enjoy a walk in the woods and learn about local ecology with guide, William Randolph, from Adventure East. This adventure is for all ages, skills, and fitness levels. Snowshoes or shoe spikes and poles will be provided to make this a safe and enjoyable experience. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a guardian. Visit the library website montaguepubliclibraries.org for registration info.

MONTAGUE CENTER LIBRARY

AUTHOR SERIES

Monday, January 22, 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Bruce Watson: The History of Light. A talk based on his book *Light: A Radiant History* from Creation to the Quantum Age. During this dark time of year come hear about the history of light!

MONTAGUE CENTER BOOK CLUB

Thursday, January 25, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Montague Center Library

January's book is *A Country Year: Living the Questions* by Sue Hubbell. Please join us!

YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Friday, January 26, 4:00-4:45PM

Come help fill cute Grab & Go bags for children.
Carnegie Library - For Teens